

Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:

- (a) as set forth in either SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 3;
- (b) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-626; or
- (c) encoding an FGF-like polypeptide as set forth in either SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 4; ~~or~~
- (d) ~~—that hybridizes to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of any of (a) —(c) under hybridization conditions of:~~

- ~~(1) —0.015 M NaCl/0.0015 M sodium citrate/0.1% NaDodSO₄ (SDS) at 50°C;~~
- ~~(2) —50% (vol/vol) formamide with 0.1% bovine serum albumin, 0.2% Ficoll, 0.1% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 6.5), 750 mM NaCl, and 75 mM sodium citrate at 42°C; or~~

- ~~(3) —50% formamide, 5X SSC (0.75 M NaCl, 0.075 M sodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5X Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 µg/ml), 0.1% SDS, 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, with washes at 42°C in 0.2X SSC and 0.1% SDS.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): A recombinant host cell comprising ~~[[a]]the~~ nucleic acid molecule ~~comprising the nucleotide sequence of any of Claim[[s]] 1 or 39.~~

Claim 3 (original): The recombinant host cell of Claim 2 which is a eukaryotic cell.

Claim 4 (original): The recombinant host cell of Claim 2 which is a prokaryotic cell.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A process of producing a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of ~~any of Claim[[s]] 1, or 39~~ comprising culturing ~~the a~~ recombinant host

cell ~~of Claim 2~~ comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises promoter DNA other than the promoter DNA for a native FGF-like gene operatively linked to the nucleic acid molecule.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A recombinant host cell comprising the vector of Claim 8.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The recombinant host cell of Claim 9 which is a eukaryotic cell.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The recombinant host cell of Claim 9 which is a prokaryotic cell.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A process for determining whether a compound inhibits FGF-like polypeptide production comprising exposing a cell according to Claim 2 to the compound, and measuring FGF-like polypeptide production in said cell.

Claims 13-40 (cancelled).

Claim 41 (previously presented): The process of Claim 5, further comprising recovering the polypeptide from the culture.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A process of producing a polypeptide encoded by the

nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1, comprising culturing ~~the~~ a recombinant host cell ~~of Claim 9~~
comprising a vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1 under suitable conditions
to express the polypeptide.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The process of Claim 42, further comprising recovering the
polypeptide from the culture.

Claims 44-54 (cancelled).

Claim 55 (new): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence
encoding an FGF-like polypeptide as set forth in either SEQ ID NO: 5 or SEQ ID NO: 6.